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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as a Gas  
Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities in the  
Town of Bloomfield, Walworth County, Wisconsin

6630-CG-111

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
AND  
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO** consider the June 26, 2000, application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133, to construct natural gas facilities in the town of Bloomfield, Walworth County, Wisconsin.

WEPCO is a gas public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), with its principal office in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. WEPCO is engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in areas throughout Wisconsin.

Predecessors to WEPCO were legally engaged in performing gas utility service in the town of Bloomfield, Walworth County, before August 1, 1931.

WEPCO states that due to customer growth in the former Wisconsin Southern Gas Company service area, the existing system of supply mains is approaching full capacity. As a result, WEPCO states improvements are required in order to maintain firm distribution service to sales and transportation customers. The proposed project includes the installation of approximately 15,200 feet of 10-inch steel high-pressure supply main, valves and pressure regulation facilities designed to meet anticipated future customer growth. WEPCO estimates the cost to install the new main and facilities to be \$916,400. Wis. Admin. Code PSC § 133.03(1)(h), requires that a public gas utility obtain Commission authorization under Wis. Stat. § 196.49(2) for any single gas line project the cost of which exceeds \$600,000.

The proposed route will be located within the public right of way of Spring Creek Road and within an easement from CTH B to Litchfield Road. WEPCO states the affected property owners are in the process of being identified and that no difficulty is anticipated in obtaining easements from the affected property owners.

No existing facilities will be retired as a result of this project.

The Commission intends to consider the application without a hearing.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Tom Reisdorf at (608) 267-1475.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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